

# West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana Port Development

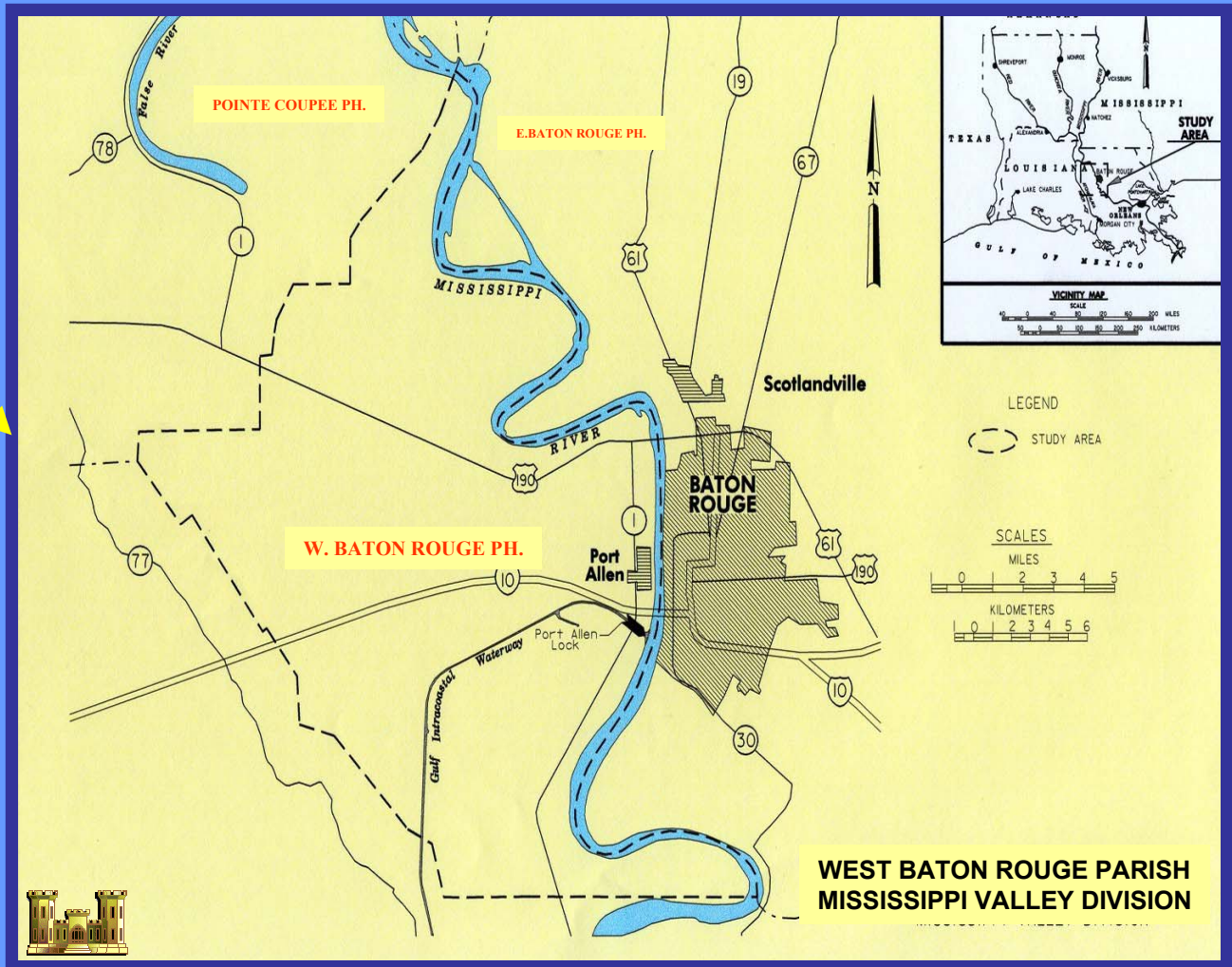


**Study Status:**  
Submit decision documents to MVD in Oct 03

## Study Cost:

Recon	\$ 500,000
Feas (Fed/Non-Fed)	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
Total	\$5,500,000

**FY04 Funding Required:** \$1,500,000 to continue into the feasibility phase of the study.





## Project Fact Sheet

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### West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana (Port Development)

**STUDY AUTHORITY:** Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, U.S. House of Representatives Resolution, Docket 2570, West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Adopted: July 23, 1998; and the Water Resources Development Act of 1999, Section 517—Expedited Consideration of Certain Projects. WRDA 1999, Section 517 stated that “The Secretary shall expedite completion of the Mississippi River, West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, project for waterfront and riverine preservation, restoration, and enhancement modifications and, if justified, proceed directly to project preconstruction, engineering, and design”.

**STUDY SPONSORS:** West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, and City of Port Allen, Louisiana.

**STUDY LOCATION:** The study area includes both the City of Port Allen and West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana along approximately 40 miles of the west bank of the Mississippi River.

**STUDY PURPOSE:** Explore various strategies to optimize recommended plans for riverfront development along the Mississippi River in West Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

**STUDY FEATURES:** Proposed to include educational, environmental, recreational, infrastructure, and others.

**STUDY COSTS:** Funds of \$288,000 were provided in FY02 for a reconnaissance study. Funds of \$212,000 were required in FY03 to complete the reconnaissance study; however, only \$131,000 was provided.

**STUDY SCHEDULE:** Submission of Decision Document to MVD in Oct 2003.

**STUDY BACKGROUND:** The study area is West Baton Rouge Parish, located along 40 miles of the Mississippi River. This study would investigate growth opportunities for West Baton Rouge Parish along the Mississippi River by providing recreational, residential, commercial and other development strategies. The Corps completed an initial investigation of limited scope in October 1997 under the Planning Assistance to States Program, Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, to investigate riverfront development. The report concluded that non-traditional benefits can be realized through development of the Mississippi River levee in West Baton Rouge Parish and recommended advancing through additional investigations.

**ISSUES:** The project is unbudgeted in FY 2004. Funds are required in FY 2004 of \$1.5 million to continue into the feasibility phase of the study.